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Entrepreneurs snap the Dragon

INVESTMENT They survived the fire and came out \$125,000 richer.

Three Halifax entrepreneurs visited The Dragon's Den this week, a CBC show that gives aspiring entrepreneurs a shot with big investors.

Their idea is a two-piece plastic clip that holds shoelaces in place, eliminating the need to tie them.

"Being on the program Dragon's Den will push us to the next level," said Drew McKenna in a statement released from Mount Saint Vincent University. One of the three entrepreneurs is an alumnus, and another is a current business student.

"During the show we received a commitment from Dragon Brett Wilson to supply every Canadian troop currently serving overseas with QuickSnap."

Quicksnap Inc., their company, was established in 2003.

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Versatile sweet potato



Bedford Coun. Tim Outhit received several angry calls and e-mails after some voters had to wait 45 minutes to cast their ballot at the Bedford United Church on Tuesday.

Anger at advance polls

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People are fuming that the city wasn't more prepared for the influx of voters who wanted to kill two birds with one stone at polling booths Tuesday.

Throughout HRM, streams of voters fumed from casting their federal ballots thought it would be smart to also hit advance municipal polls — until they saw the lengthy line-up.

Bedford Coun. Tim Outhit says some of the 600 people who turned up at the Bedford United Church Tuesday waited 45 minutes to vote. Others walked

away in frustration.

"I don't even want to think about how many people gave up," he said. "There's no guarantee that those folks will come back on Saturday."

Saturday is municipal election day.

Outhit said he phoned the city to complain after receiving lots of angry calls and e-mails Tuesday.

At the Dartmouth North Community Centre, Coun. Jim Smith says the queue lasted all day. "In the morning it took about an hour and 15 minutes to vote," said the Albrow Lake-Harbourview incumbent.

"Later they brought in another person and got it under control a little bit."

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Bedford Coun. Tim Outhit

According to Smith's figures, four times the number of people voted in Tuesday's advance poll than for last Saturday's advance poll.

Long lineups were also an issue on the peninsula. North End Coun. Patrick Murphy says some got fed up with waiting and left without voting.

City spokeswoman Deborah Story says staff had

no way of knowing there would be a higher than normal voter turnout at Tuesday's advance poll. The stations are set up and staffed based on previous advance polls, she added. "Certainly we're sorry they had to wait so long," Story said.

The final numbers of voters in Tuesday's advance poll weren't available yesterday. Story said city staff will be assessing them and if the situation ever arises again, the city will look at increasing capacity at polling stations.

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Voting not over yet

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One down. One more to go. Now that the federal election is over, municipal candidates now have people's front stoops all to themselves.

But are people elected out?

When knocking on doors in her district yesterday, South End Coun. Sue Uteck says some had heard enough.

"They're surprised, like 'What are you doing here? Wasn't it your election yesterday as well?'"

Municipal election day is Saturday though series of advance polls wrapped up Tuesday.

Lower Sackville Coun. Bob Harvey is concerned about record-low voter turnout in the federal election.

"Why would there suddenly be an increase on Saturday for municipal which is traditionally lower than the federal vote anyway?" he said.

On the other hand, he's no longer sharing lawns with three other signs.

"The opportunity is there to focus on the municipal campaign, but my concern is having had e-voting, two days of advanced polls, the federal election, do people now feel it's over?"

"There's still one more dance," he said.

Jerome Downey, who's vying to become the next councillor for downtown Halifax, says the federal election gave people a more heightened awareness to get out and vote. He says it's just a matter of reminding them it's not over.

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Bandit's behaviour baffling to police

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CRIME Somebody in south-end Halifax is breaking into women's bedrooms during the night — but police don't know why.

"Nobody's been hurt, nobody's been touched or assaulted," said Halifax Regional Police spokesman, Const. Brian Palmeter.

"We're not sure what his intentions are. It would appear that theft is not a motive."

The man has broken into three homes so far — on Sept. 27, Oct. 11, and Oct. 12. Police say he's white, 19- to 25-years-old, with short hair and an average build. All three times he was scared away by residents.

Const. Palmeter said the

suspect is targeting homes with women living alone, or with female roommates. All the break-ins were within a few minutes walk of each other.

Const. Palmeter urged people make sure their doors and windows are locked.

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Const. Brian Palmeter

A similar series of break-ins happened in the south-end in 2004, when a man broke into at least four bedrooms and watched women sleep. No arrests were ever made.

"One thing we will look at is to see if there are any links to those incidents," Const. Palmeter said. "But at this point it's early in the investigation."

Anyone with information, or who's been the victim of a similar break-in, is asked to call police or Crime Stoppers.

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Cells key in rural areas: MLA

BUSINESS Digby-Annapolis MLA Harold Theriault is urging the provincial government to make cell-phone coverage a priority in rural communities.

Theriault said business owners and operators rely on cellphones and attracting new business to areas like Digby can be difficult.

"It's always a challenge for our rural business communities to expand," says Theriault. "Recognizing the lack of cell coverage as one of these economic roadblocks and addressing it will certainly make our rural areas that much more attractive."

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New rules rankle voters

Elderly couple among those frustrated out of casting ballot

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New rules at the ballot box are to blame for record low voter turnout, says the Nova Scotia Liberal Party.

Liberal Party leader Stephen MacNeil says the rules which call for a voter card, photo ID and proof of address assume everyone is a criminal and aren't necessary for many of Nova Scotia's close-knit communities.

Voter turnout of 59.1 per cent in Tuesday's federal election was at a nationwide record low.

In Nova Scotia, 60.7 per cent of registered electors

voted.

MacNeil said it's a sad commentary on our country particularly when we're celebrating 250 years of parliamentary democracy in Canada.

One Bear River, Digby Co. couple was so insulted they refused to return with the necessary utility bill to verify their home address.

World War II veteran Francis "Edwin" Gehue, 84, and his wife Thelma "Pat", 78, weren't permitted to vote even though they knew nearly everyone

working in the polling station. Pat handed over four pieces of ID and Edwin showed his veteran's card.

"He figured he'd served his country, but his country didn't end up serving him," Pat said.

Jennifer Smith, a political science professor at Dalhousie University, says she doesn't think the new rules are the main reason for record low turnout.

"Elections Canada certainly tries to make it as easy as possible for people to vote," she said.

The rate of voter turnout is declining in every country, she added.

Smith said there's simply no standard explanation, though it's safe to assume that most non-voters fail to see how voting affects them.

"They could've calculated that they'd like a particular candidate but that candidate wasn't going to get in so their vote didn't matter," she said. "Some people might've tuned out from the beginning."

Smith said correlations exist among those who vote — they're more affluent, better educated and older — but nothing to explain why.

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Thelma "Pat" Gehue

Green leader calls for cross-party coalition

POLITICS Green Leader Elizabeth May has called for a cross-party coalition to stop a Conservative victory when the next election comes around.

May, whose party emerged from the election with a \$2 million debt, said a coalition would overcome a "perverse" electoral system that gave the Conservatives a stronger minority government.

It would avoid vote splitting among parties that support strong action to reduce global warming, she told reporters yesterday.

"There's only one party whose position (on climate change) is disgraceful and dangerous and that's Mr. Harper's," May said, of the prime minister.

May has described the coalition as one where Greens, Liberals, NDP and Bloc Québécois would carve up seats according to the candidates most likely to defeat Conservatives.

May said it's the next best thing to replacing the first-past-the-post voting system with one that allocates seats according to a party's proportion of the national vote. Under proportional representation, the Greens' 7 per cent support Tuesday would have elected up to 22 MPs, May said.

The election increased the party's vote by about 2 percentage points and saw May participate in the leaders' TV debates.



Green party Leader Elizabeth May puts on her lipstick prior to a press conference yesterday at a park on the East River in New Glasgow, N.S.

"The breakthrough unfortunately eluded us this time, but we're not going anywhere. The Green party is here to stay," said May, who scored 32 per cent of the vote in her unsuccessful bid to unseat Defence Minister Peter MacKay in the riding of Central Nova.

support on voting day.

"Elizabeth May called for it on some occasions but the party itself was not calling for strategic voting," Nagy said in an interview.

It's the kind of disgruntlement that could see May facing questions about her leadership.

May once stated she would rather see no Green MPs and the Conservatives out of power than a full caucus with Harper as prime minister.

Nagy, the party's environment critic, also made clear he doesn't back May's call for an anti-Conservative coalition.

"I believe you promote Green values and you get Greens elected to Parliament. It's not about trying to stop one party," he said. "There has to be some serious discussion in the party so that we are not compromising our votes for the sake of other parties."

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Lotteries

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News in brief

CHARITY People sure love their cookies and the United Way of Cumberland's 11 member agencies are the beneficiaries. The Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign wrapped up recently with the presentation of more than \$2,500 to the United Way. From the first campaign, three years ago, the Smile cookies have generated more than \$6,000 in donations to the United Way. As companies send in payroll deduction commitments the organization will move closer to the \$150,000 mark — \$5,000 higher than last year.

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Celebrate safety

Transportation Safety Day will be celebrated at the MACPASS Customer Service Centre with a free barbecue, kids' costume contest and more. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Cindy King casts her ballot at a NSGEU Local 78B meeting at the Dartmouth Holiday Inn last night. School bus drivers, monitors and mechanics took a strike vote last night and the ballots will be counted today.

School bus drivers hold strike vote

Wages, benefits main issues of last night's poll

DEVIN STEVENS
for Metro Halifax

The head of the HRM's school bus drivers union says workers could go on strike sometime in November if they don't get a raise.

"We still haven't achieved enough for them to have a decent living wage," said Joan Jessome, president of the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union.

"We're prepared to go to the wall to get it."

Bus drivers, monitors and mechanics are employed by private company Stock Transportation. The Halifax Regional School Board pays the company \$13 million every year for bus service, transporting

"They really have no benefits ... the benefits aren't worth writing on paper."

Joan Jessome, NSGEU president

about 22,000 students every day.

Jessome says employee wages range between \$10.41 and \$12.49 an hour. They only get four hours a day. She said some of the 300 employees have to take two other part-time jobs just to get by.

"And they really have no benefits," Jessome said. "The benefits aren't worth writing on paper."

A strike vote was to be held last night. The ballots will be counted today. Jessome said a conciliator will be appointed to negotiate between the union and

Stock Transportation, but her group will only spend two days at the bargaining table.

Drivers could go on strike next month if an agreement isn't reached.

Company spokeswoman, Tiffini Bloniarz, said there are no plans to pull out of Halifax in the event of a strike, as has been suggested. She wouldn't rule out using replacement drivers during a strike, saying "we're looking at our options."

The school board said it can't comment because negotiations are ongoing.

Cops arrest two men, third escapes

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CHECKPOINT Two men were arrested but one escaped after fleeing into the woods yesterday in Cherry Brook.

RCMP set up a checkpoint on Highway 7 in the afternoon to catch a suspect vehicle "believed to be involved in an offence." The vehicle showed up, but dodged the checkpoint by

turning onto Cherry Brook Road.

RCMP then turned on their sirens and gave chase. The suspects turned onto Riley Road, a dead end, and crashed into a gate leading to a water shed. One person stayed in the vehicle and was arrested, but later released without charges.

Two others fled into the

plates

• The vehicle, a Lumina, had a stolen licence plate attached to it.

Another suspect wasn't found. RCMP are still investigating.

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George Ewonus, director of the Advanced Placement Program, Canada will be speaking about the advantages of Advanced Placement (AP) courses for high school students at Sacred Heart School on Oct. 16. The 7 p.m. meeting is open to the public. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Locals home from helping Texans after Ike

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Six local aid workers with the Red Cross are back at home in Atlantic Canada after helping people in Texas displaced by Hurricane Ike.

The volunteers had spent nearly a month help-

ing the state recover from the fourth-costliest hurricane in U.S. history, with damage estimates as high as \$16 billion US.

Sandy Miller of Hammonds Plains, and David Arsenault of Halifax

Damage estimates for Hurricane Ike are as high as \$16 billion US.

helped manage shelter and feeding operations in the City of Orange, near the Texas-Louisiana state border.

Lewis Silver of Berwick; Charles Newman of Fredericton; and Desmond and Jean Dillon of Gander, N.L.,

spent part of their deployment to Texas in one of the hardest hit areas, supporting mass shelter and feeding operations in Galveston.

All six had previous experience working with the American Red Cross following major disasters, particularly Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

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If you were involved in an adoption in Ontario, you need to know about an important change to your information and privacy rights.

Effective June 1, 2009, Ontario adoption records will be opened. This means adopted adults and birth parents will be given access to identifying information from birth records and adoption orders.

If the adoption order was made before September 1, 2008, adopted adults and birth parents can file a disclosure veto to prevent the release of the information.

If you want your identifying information to be kept private, **you should file a disclosure veto before June 1, 2009.**

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No expertise in immigrant program

Committee hears from deputy minister on flawed nominee plan

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A lack of expertise and a desire to keep things cheap led to the ill-fated immigration program, a deputy minister told a public accounts committee yesterday.

"The department assigned the job of increasing immigration numbers with the responsibility not to spend any money doing it. So don't hire people. Don't spend government money out of your budget.

But get those numbers up," said deputy economic development minister Paul Taylor.

So the John Hamm government came up with a plan that would "use money from the immigrants themselves to allow the process to work."

But one problem, said Taylor, was that no one in the government was qualified to run such a program.

"When I joined the department there wasn't a great deal of expertise in the immigration world," he said.

So they picked a company that was seen as being "experts" — Cornwallis Financial Corp.

Now Cornwallis and the

province are caught up in a lawsuit and the RCMP have been brought in to investigate. Even members of the government admit the program has given Nova Scotia a black eye internationally.

Immigrants paid \$130,000 for a mentorship with a local business. The government now admits many businesses were not suitable mentors, some immigrants didn't meet minimum standards, and no one's needs were fully met.

The government broke off its contract with Cornwallis in June 2006 after immigrants started to complain about their mentorships. The company is now suing the government.

Opposition members hammered Taylor and

deputy immigration minister Elizabeth Mills over the outsourcing of the program to a private company, and for still offering the disgraced program to immigrants today.

Mills said they had no choice but to keep the program technically alive because once they had offered it they were legally bound to follow through on the commitment if someone took them up on it.

Harper, other leaders failed to address economy in election platforms: CEOs

SURVEY The newly minted Stephen Harper government, as well as all the other political parties running for office, failed to focus on the economy in their election platforms, according to a new poll of chief executives. More than 98 per cent of 613 CEOs surveyed said parties called for a plan to address the

threat of the Canadian economy being dragged down by events in the United States, according to Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME). Another 81 per cent said federal leaders should do more to buffer Canada from the economic storm clouds gathering down south.

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Truro equal pay inquiry begins today

Three women say they're being paid less money than their male co-workers. A human rights inquiry on the Truro case begins today. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Boomers with zip

Aging doesn't mean 'going gently': Much founder

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for Metro Halifax

He created much of today's youth media, from MuchMusic to Bravo!, and SexTV. Now Moses Znaimer is taking over the Canadian Association of Retired People (CARP), and he wants baby boomers to start acting — and living — like they're young.

"I call it a new vision of aging for Canada," said Znaimer. "The old vision had to do with the big 'D's — decline, disconnection, disassociation, followed by death."

Znaimer is rechristening baby boomers "zoomers" — boomers with zip. Medical advances and lifestyle changes mean Canadians are living longer. With the average life expectancy in the 80s, he says zoomers can't fall into the quiet decline of old age their parents went through.

"The person who doesn't want to go gently into that good night, who wants to be engaged, who wants to have a good time with the money they've made over a lifetime of hard work," said Znaimer, describing his demographic.

With Znaimer now at the helm, CARP's magazine has been given a relaunch. The first issue of Zoomer came out in October featuring a cover shot of Wayne Gretzky and photography from Bryan Adams.



MuchMusic founder Moses Znaimer, who is now the head of the Canadian Association of Retired People, is in Halifax as part of his Atlantic Canadian tour. He spoke yesterday about the importance of staying involved and vibrant well into retirement age.

Znaimer said the magazine and association aren't just for people 45 and older. They're also for people in their 30s who have parents and grandparents in the age group.

"If you're interested in

these issues, if you love somebody who's in that demo, or ... if you're going to be responsible for somebody in that demo, you're going to get the goods from membership in CARP," he said.

Corporate culture must make way for boomers: Znaimer

• Znaimer says younger generations have to realize they have a stake in the well-being of their parents and grandparents. With less people in later generations, Znaimer says the zoomers' brain power will be needed. If zoomers become a drag a society, the lives of the

young will be worse. They're working longer — some for money, others for a sense of purpose — but they don't want to work like they once did. They can pass on skills and experience while working less.

"It's not some old guy hang-

ing on to a job the young guy thinks he deserves. We're in this together," Znaimer said. "They need corporate culture to reorganize and accept the fact that somebody may want to work four days a week, not seven days a week."

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Provincial police stopped a car driving slowly on a county road south of Perth, Ont., Sunday, and were surprised to discover a nine-year-old girl behind the wheel. The girl's mother, 35, was in the passenger seat, police said. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada



Record-low turnout

Canadians shunned the polls during the general election with the lowest voter turnout on record, even as a global financial crisis threatened to plunge the nation's economy into recession. Some 59.1 per cent of eligible voters went to the polls Tuesday, breaking the previous record low turnout of just under 61 per cent in 2004, according to preliminary results from Elections Canada released yesterday.

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Harper set to fight credit crisis

ECONOMY Newly re-elected Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper will meet other world leaders and put Parliament back to work quickly to hammer out ways to weather the credit crisis and keep the country's economy competitive, he said yesterday.

In the wake of Tuesday's federal election, which strengthened Harper's minority government, other opposition leaders said they were ready to work together to tackle the fallout from global economic instability.

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News in brief

BLOC The separatist Bloc Québécois emerged from Tuesday's Canadian general election with a stronger voice, but its success is not a sign that the issue of Quebec independence is gaining support.

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Liberal leader Stéphane Dion waves to supporters at his election night headquarters in Montreal, Oct. 14, 2008.

Dion may step down

LIBERALS Devasted by the disappointing showing of his party in the election, Stéphane Dion is expected to announce today that he will step aside as Liberal leader.

Unlike the other party leaders, he made no public appearances yesterday, instead huddling with his family and advisers. Party insiders said he would remain as leader until the

Liberals choose a successor. Dion had been expected to announce in his remarks after the polls closed late Tuesday night that he would set a process in motion to allow his party to choose a new leader.

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Senior Liberals whisper that Dion's days as leader are numbered and more at metronews.ca/canada

May's blunders costly

Politics

Andrew Cohen



Listening to the jaunty Elizabeth May make her concession speech election night you might think that she had won her riding and the Green party had advanced the cause of a greener Canada. She didn't and it didn't.

Instead, Ms. May's vain-glorious crusade has actually hurt her party and the environmental movement in Canada. In two of her most critical decisions, she badly miscalculated.

The first was to contest the riding of Central Nova,

which is held by the popular Peter MacKay. It wasn't even close. Mr. MacKay won 18,249 votes, or 46.6 per cent. Ms. May won 12,620 of the votes, or 32.2 per cent. To say that running against Peter MacKay was foolish is not a matter of hindsight. It was always a matter of foresight — as foolish then as it is now.

The reason is that if you are building a party, your leader must be in Parliament. His or her foremost responsibility is to be elected, anywhere, anyhow.

Had the Greens a representative in Parliament, she could have asked one to resign when she became leader. Without that option, Ms. May had to find a way to get there. Running in a by-election in Ontario made sense for her; running in Central Nova suggests a staggering naiveté and awful po-

litical judgment.

Unelected leaders have no credibility. You can stand and squawk in the foyer in the House of Commons, as Ms. May does every day, but really, though, why should anyone listen to you? Especially when your party has 6.8 per cent of the vote.

Her other mistake was more costly. In making an alliance with the Liberals, she found credibility and a place in the leaders' debate she didn't deserve leading a fringe party (4.8 per cent support in 2006).

Today, the leader of the Greens is without a seat and her party without an MP. Her vote is up all of 2.3 points. Conservatives are in, and so is their environmental policy.

Andrew Cohen is the author of *Extraordinary Canadians: Lester B. Pearson*.



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Barack Obama, ramping up his advertising in the final weeks before the Nov. 4 election, is making U.S. political history by placing the first presidential campaign ads in online video games. **REUTERS**

World/Business

Tax plans heat up debate

Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama battled fiercely yesterday in their liveliest and most contentious debate, with McCain attacking Obama's tax plan, campaign tone and relationship with a 1960s radical.

The presidential rivals complained about the negativity of each other's campaigns during a tense and frequently testy debate that featured repeated discussion of "Joe the plumber" — a small business owner Obama met in Ohio.

McCain called on Obama to explain his relationship with 1960s radical William Ayers, who served with Obama on a community board in Chicago. Obama said he was simply an ac-

He's got a friend

- Singer-songwriter James Taylor will play five shows in North Carolina in support of Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama.

quaintance.

"Mr. Ayers is not involved in my campaign. He has never been involved in this campaign. And he will not advise me in the White House," Obama said.

McCain, 72, an Arizona senator, entered the debate under intense pressure to give a strong performance that could turn around a presidential race moving decisively in Obama's favor.

Opinion polls three weeks before the Nov. 4



Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain take part in the U.S. election's third and final debate yesterday.

election show more voters say they trust Obama's leadership on the economy, which has dominated the campaign-trail discussion and dwarfed McCain's expertise in foreign and military policy.

McCain repeatedly criticized Obama throughout the debate, turning in a

more aggressive performance than in the first two showdowns.

McCain rebuked Obama for frequently claiming that he is too close to the policies of President Bush. Obama, 47, said he sometimes had trouble spotting a difference between the two.

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Markets down after data released

Gloomy economic data and warnings from the U.S. Federal Reserve that hard times were still to come wiped out two days of relative optimism about the credit crisis and sent markets into free-fall yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended down 733 points or 7.87 per cent, and the S&P 500 index lost 9 per cent — their worst one-day percentage declines since October 1987.

The losses reversed Monday's record surges that had

been sparked by optimism about bank bailouts.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke warned that credit market turmoil posed a "significant threat" to an already weak economy as new data reinforced signs of further slowing.

France, Britain and Germany led calls for an overhaul of the world financial system to prevent a repeat of the worst credit crisis since the Great Depression.

The White House said leaders of the Group of

Eight nations were expected to meet on the crisis by the end of the year.

The United States reported its biggest monthly decline in retail sales in more than three years, and Europe offered negative economic data and outlooks of its own.

Governments around the world have pledged \$3.2 trillion in emergency measures, including taking stakes in banks to help them stabilize.

REUTERS

Thai, Cambodian troops clash

CONFLICT Thai and Cambodian troops fired rockets and small arms at each other on a disputed stretch of border yesterday, killing two Cambodians and prompting Bangkok to tell its citizens to return home.

Both sides accused the other of firing first in the clash, which comes amid huge political instability in Bangkok, with protesters in a long-running street campaign urging the army to launch a coup.

At least seven soldiers from both sides were wounded in the most serious incident in four months of tension at the Preah Vihear temple, a 900-year-old Hindu ruin on the border.

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Business

TSX gains short-lived, index falls once more

The Toronto Stock Exchange's main index plunged again yesterday as resource stocks, led by energy and materials, were pressured by falling commodity prices on concerns global economic weakness would cut demand.

The tumble chipped away at big gains made Tuesday when the index

logged a record 9.82 per cent rise on hopes that new rescue plans around the globe would help fix the financial crisis.

The S&P/TSX composite index closed down 631.83 points, or 6.35 per cent, at 9,323.83, with all but one of its 10 main groups lower. The consumer staples group rose 1.4 per cent.

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\$10B deficit looms: Economist

ECONOMY Canada risks running a \$10 billion deficit in its 2009-2010 fiscal year, Merrill Lynch economist David Wolf wrote in a report. He said the Conservatives must fix the falling GDP and lower revenue in a stagnating economy, or raise taxes and cut spending.

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In brief

HOUSING Canadian resale home values continued to slide last month, with the average home 6.2 per cent cheaper than it was last year. Average price was \$315,461, according to the Canadian Real Estate Association. The market may be stabilizing somewhat, with sales of homes up 3 per cent in September over August.

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News in brief

STORM Hurricane Omar strengthened yesterday as it bore down on Puerto Rico and the small islands of the north-eastern Caribbean, threatening torrential rains that could trigger floods and mudslides.

POLITICS Zimbabwe's parties are close to a deal on forming a cabinet and "history is being made" in negotiations between President Robert Mugabe and rival Morgan Tsvangirai, the MDC said yesterday.

TALIBAN The Afghan Taliban could cut its ties with the militant al Qaeda group it once harboured as part of a peace agreement in Afghanistan, a former foreign minister for the Taliban said yesterday. **REUTERS**

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Sports



Ballesteros' tumor removed

Three-time British Open champion and two-time Masters champion Seve Ballesteros, 51, was in a stable condition after an operation on Tuesday to remove a brain tumour, the Spanish golfer's doctors said yesterday. Reports said the operation lasted 12 hours, but did not say if the tumour was malignant or benign.

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Furyk wins PGA Grand Slam

GOLF Jim Furyk sank an eight-foot eagle putt to beat Pádraig Harrington at the first playoff hole in the PGA Grand Slam of Golf in Bermuda yesterday.

Harrington, who birdied the par-five 18th hole, again had to settle for the bridesmaid's role in the elite four-man event, having lost to Argentina's Angel Cabrera in a playoff last year.

The pair had finished the 36 regulation holes on four-under-par 136 at The Mid Ocean Club in Tucker's Town, Furyk matching Harrington's two-under 68 with a birdie at the last.

Harrington, who set the pace with Furyk in Tuesday's opening round, held a two-stroke lead with six holes remaining before double-bogeying the par-four 15th.

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Sports in brief

NFL The Indianapolis Colts will reportedly be without running back Joseph Addai for two-to-four weeks while he rests a slightly torn hamstring.

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Baseball World Series bound



Philadelphia's Jimmy Rollins hits a solo home run in the first inning against the Dodgers in Los Angeles last night. The Phillies advanced to the World Series with a 5-1 win.

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Montreal makes it 12 straight over Boston

NHL ROUNDOUP

Canadiens 4 Bruins 3 (SO)

Alex Tanguay scored the winning goal in the shootout as Montreal edged Boston for its 12th straight win regular season win over the Bruins.

Alex Kovalev and Maxim Lapierre also scored for Montreal, which has won three straight contests. Saku Koivu tallied, while Andrei Markov had two assists. Carey Price stopped 31-of-34 in the win, which was the team's 100th season-opener in Montreal.

Marc Savard scored twice for Boston, which has dropped two straight tilts. David Krejci scored and had an assist in defeat, while Tim Thomas let in three goals on 28 shots.

The Bruins tied it up with under 50 seconds left in the game on an improbable goal.



Montreal goaltender Carey Price makes a glove save against Boston's Marco Sturm last night.

REUTERS/CHRISTINE MUSCH

Blackhawks 4 Coyotes 1

At the United Center, Martin Havlat registered a goal and an assist to lead Chicago over Phoenix.

Patrick Sharp, Brian Campbell and Colin Fraser also scored for the Blackhawks, who recorded their first win following an 0-2-1 start to the new season. Nikolai Khabibulin was sharp between the pipes, stopping 29-of-30 shots.

Sabres 3 Rangers 1 — At

Madison Square Garden, Thomas Vanek scored twice and Buffalo Sabres handed New York its first defeat of the season.

The Rangers started the season 5-0, equaling the 1983-84 squad for the best start in franchise history. New York was vying for the first 6-0 start to a season in club history, but the Sabres had other ideas.

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— Bob Richards

Spanish striker tears leg muscle

SOCCER Spain striker Fernando Torres tore a leg muscle in yesterday's 2-1 victory over Belgium, said coach Vicente Del Bosque.

The Liverpool player limped off after little more than 10 minutes of the World Cup Group Five qualifier and the coach was unsure how long he would be sidelined.



Fernando Torres

"I'm really sorry for him," Del Bosque told reporters. Spain lead the group with a maximum 12 points from four matches.

In other games it was: Germany 1 Wales 0; England 3 Belarus 1; Ireland 1 Cyprus 0; Italy 2 Montenegro 1; Netherlands 1 Norway 0; and Switzerland 2 Greece 1.

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SCOREBOARD

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Huskies to hear about Creighton today

The Saint Mary's Huskies football team will find out today whether rookie Jack Creighton is healthy enough to start on Saturday on the road against the Mount Allison Mounties. Creighton has a bruised rib, but has passed Nathan Marsman and Ted Abraham on the depth chart. **METRO HALIFAX**



Huskies loaded for title run

Tough setback in last year's AUS final left team 'much more hungry'

MATTHEW WUEST

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If the Saint Mary's Huskies are looking for motivation this season, all they have to do is remember Kyle Bailey skating in on a penalty shot and breaking their hearts in March.

The Huskies lost two overtime games to the New Brunswick Varsity Reds in last year's best-of-three Atlantic University Sport men's hockey final, and saw their season end on Bailey's bullet shot, top shelf, 21:41 into extra time.

It's been a long summer of wondering what might have been.

"We obviously feel we were right there ... It's big-time motivation," said Huskies forward Marc Rancourt. "When you're that close, it leaves you that much more hungry."

"We can't wait to get back at it."



Marc Rancourt, facing camera, and Justin Munden are among the scoring threats returning to Saint Mary's lineup this year. Overall, the seven of the Huskies top nine scorers are back with the team.

The Huskies, who open the season tomorrow and host the Dalhousie Tigers on Saturday at 7 p.m., have the horses to duplicate last season's 20-5-3 record and AUS final appearance.

Although former conference MVP Dan Rudisuela is a major loss up front, they have 18 returning players.

Seven of their top nine scorers are back, with all-stars Rancourt and Cody

Thornton joining Cam Ferguson, Kyle Doucet and Justin Munden.

All-Canadian Scott Hotham and younger brother Andrew are back to anchor the defence corps.

Former Halifax Mooseheads Colby Pridham, Andrew White and Garrett Peters highlight a quality rookie crop.

Complicating matters is the fact that veteran head coach Trevor Stienburg won't be behind the bench until at least January as he recovers from health problems.

"The assistant coaches have done a really good job keeping us in line and making sure nobody gets complacent," Rancourt said. "We're all working hard while he's gone."

The Huskies are well aware it's an eight-team league, but they'd be lying if they said the V-Reds aren't in their sights.

"In the back of our minds, we're thinking it would be nice to be back in the situation we were last March, going up against UNB for the AUS championship," Rancourt said.

Patient Dalhousie aims for playoffs

HOCKEY Pete Belliveau is hoping to resurrect the Dalhousie Tigers men's hockey program — but patience will be a key.

The first-year head coach and former national champion takes over a team that has a 23-89 record in four straight non-playoff campaigns after winning Canadian Interuniversity Sport bronze in 2004 in Fredericton, N.B.

He has assembled a young team, with eight rookies and 20 players in their first three years of eligibility.

"I honestly think it's going to take us a few years, but we'll compete from the get-go for a playoff spot," he said. "We're playing in a tough league."

The Tigers will be built around a handful of returnees, notably goalie Josh Disher, defenceman Devrin Stonehouse and forwards Tyler Dyck, Jeffrey Larsh and Chad McCaffrey.

Former Halifax Mooseheads forward Kenzie Sheppard highlights the freshman class.

METRO HALIFAX

Rainmen set to pick big man 'excited' about Halifax

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BASKETBALL The Halifax Rainmen say they have their man, but they aren't letting the cat out of the bag just yet.

The Rainmen are picking second overall in the Premier Basketball League draft this morning in Chicago, and are set to lay the first stones on the foundation for the 2009 season.

The Rainmen, who pick after the Detroit Panthers, have identified a big man who was reportedly a top PBL player last year. They are already confident he will report to Halifax.

"The player we're looking to draft, we've had conversations with him," Rainmen co-owner Andre Levinston said. "He's very familiar with this city, with our organization. He's excited about the opportunity to come to Halifax."

Teams gain exclusive PBL negotiating rights to players drafted today and retain them until Nov. 16.

The Rainmen pick again at the 25th spot in the two-

round draft.

"We'll land a big man with our first pick," Levinston said. "Then we'll look to bring in a highly-skilled player in the second round who can do some banging and some rebounding."

The two players drafted today are expected to be the stars of this season's team along with returnees Eric Crookshank, Brian Silverhorn, Kadiri Richard and Jimmy Twyman. The

Rainmen protected the four stars from last year's team and have their negotiating rights until Nov. 16. The rest of the team will be made up of free agent signings.

Levinston is excited for today's draft, which takes place in the morning and will be streamed online on pblproball.com on tape delay at 8 p.m. He said it "legitimizes" the PBL.

"I just like the draft process," he said. "It legitimizes this league and my first impression of the PBL has been strong."

"We're looking to draft players who can help us win every night, and I'm excited to be a part of it."



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Vamping up the garage

Slick storage, floors and lighting make a dingy space welcoming

HomeScape

Sylvia Putz



There are garages and then there are garages. One man who has seen them all is Ron Binder, co-owner of OnWall Solutions, onwallsolutions.com, a company that specializes in garage renovation. He recalls a client with a candy-red convertible who wanted flooring to match the finish of his car. Binder used clear, shiny industrial-grade epoxy, applying silver, red and black flakes between coats. "It was spectacular," he says.

Another client with a 1,500-square-foot garage installed a workshop, but it was no ordinary workshop. This car collector wanted one whole wall outfitted with cabinets and rolling carts. He had heating installed in the concrete floor, which was then finished in a shiny epoxy.

Extra lighting was added, electrical outlets were hidden behind closed doors. And get this — the garage

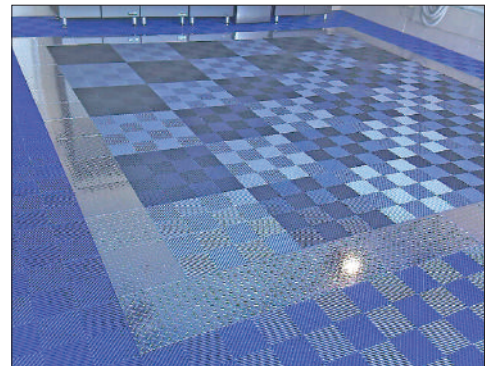


also had a flat-screen TV, a sofa and a bar, thus making it the envy of many men (and women) I know. Of course, the price tag for such a decadent car cave is upwards of \$20,000, and it could be a lot more than that depending on the level of decadence you're after.

But for the ordinary garage — outfitted with storage so it's clean, organized and looks good — the price tag can be as low as \$2,000. Finished floors make a big difference in the look of a garage. Epoxy finishes seal the garage floor beautifully, and PVC tiles are another possibility that offer colour and can be laid in different patterns to add variety. Bare concrete walls can be easily dressed up too, making the garage look more like a room and

Lighting the way

- Better lighting can make a world of difference in a garage. It can help turn a dull, dark space into a welcoming, comfortable room — whether that room is to be a luxurious car cave or a work space for a busy family.



Top: Colour can really add pop to a dull space. These snazzy metal Geneva cabinets come in red or taupe, and are available from 1st Choice Garage Outfitters, 1stChoiceGarage.com. The company also installs PVC tiles, above, which let water flow through to a drain.

less like a garage. Even painting the walls with white or light-coloured exterior-type paint can brighten things up considerably.

If you choose to add a wall system, you'll find most garage organization companies carry a particular brand of hooks, bins and innovative storage options.

One company called 1st Choice Garage Outfitters 1stChoiceGarage.com, sells a slatwall system from which to hang accessories such as baskets, hooks, shelves, tool holders and a

folding work bench. This product comes in black, white, taupe, grey and a maple-grain wood look. When these panels line the walls in a garage, it gives a bright, contemporary, horizontal look. If you opt for cabinets, you'll find they can lend considerable visual pop to your garage.

For a slightly higher price, metal cabinets are completely customizable — so you can even match the colour of your car.

Sylvia Putz is a journalist with an interest in home decor and design. She has written extensively for the TV show *Arresting Design*.

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Food

"Available year round, sweet potatoes' peak season is from October to March."

Barb Holland/for Metro Canada

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A potato by any other name ...**À la carte**

Barb Holland

Metro Food Writer



I yam what I yam, except when I'm a sweet potato. Talk about an identity crisis! When it comes to sweet potatoes and yams, much confusion exists.

Sweet potatoes are often mislabelled yams, and the two names are often used interchangeably.

The sweet potato, native to Central and South America, can vary in shape from round and fat to long and skinny, knobby and smooth. The skin can range in colour from

golden brown to copper or pale pink to deep purple, while the flesh may be white, yellow, orange, red, pink or even purple. The two most common ones in our markets are copper-skinned with bright orange flesh or the reddish-skinned sweet potatoes with yellow flesh.

The flavour will vary depending on variety, but as a general rule, lighter-fleshed sweet potatoes are more delicate, nutty rather than sweet, while the darker ones have a richer spicy-sweet flavour.

Few people outside North America make the yam-sweet potato mistake. Yams have long been a staple in the tropical and subtropical lands where they grow in abundance. Of the hundreds of yam varieties, the ones we

are most likely to find are white-fleshed tubers with a brown, rough, scaly skin from the Caribbean.

Curried Lentils, Sweet Potato and Cauliflower

Jarred curry paste not only simplifies this healthy vegetarian dish but adds authentic flavour. The cardamom seeds also add great flavour; look for green cardamom pods in a bulk store or the spice aisle of your grocery store. Serve with roti or naan bread. Makes 4 servings.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 large onion, roughly chopped
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) Indian curry paste (mild or Madras)
- 10 cardamom pods
- 2 medium sweet potatoes, about 1 lb (500 g), peeled and cut into ½ inch

(1 cm) pieces

- ¾ cup (175 mL) green or brown lentils, rinsed
- 2 cups (500 mL) vegetable broth
- 5 cups (1.25 L) cauliflower florets
- ¼ cup (60 mL) fresh coriander leaves
- Salt and pepper
- Plain yogurt, optional

METHOD:

Heat a large, heavy saucepan over medium-low heat. Add onion and curry paste, stirring paste thoroughly into onion. Cook, stirring constantly for 2 to 3 minutes.

To remove seeds from cardamom pods, smash pods with a large knife or meat mallet. Remove the small brown seeds (discard pods) and stir into onion mixture along with sweet potatoes. Cook another 2



Cook 'em up like potatoes — bake, roast, boil, microwave or toss on the grill, and try them in soups, salads, stews or pies.

to 3 minutes.

Stir in lentils and broth, cover and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat and simmer, covered for 15 minutes. Add cauliflower and return to a boil; reduce heat and simmer 8 to 10 minutes, or until lentils and vegetables are tender, stirring occasional-

ly. Remove from heat, stir in coriander, and season to taste with salt and pepper. Let stand a few minutes before serving. Serve with a dollop of yogurt, if desired.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.



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Show off with booties

Style File

Kim Elbo



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ask kim

Last week I read your tip on boots for women with skinny calves. What about women with the opposite problem, big calves?

- Susan

Zappos.com has all sorts of shoes sectioned off into links for women with specific needs. They have a wide-calf section that features brands like Naturalizer and type Z.

Vancouver's Kim Elbo has a passion for fashion. Here she shares the latest style tips.



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booties

Bring on the booties! Wearing the right ankle boot can make or break an outfit. Only wear booties with dresses, skirts, tights and skinny jeans. Skip ankle boots that are cut straight across on the top; instead, opt for ones that are cut on an angle so that your legs will look longer and leaner. Top trends in booties this season are patent leather and suede materials, paired with zippers and buckles, in blacks, purples, greys and reds.

accessory

A cute cropped vest to layer with this fall, \$121. Designed by Lily & Jae, available at Fine Finds, finefindsboutique.com



gloves

Protect your hands from the cold weather with some new winter gloves. Last year, gloves were worn elbow-length long (keep them aside for those cold winter days), but this year, gloves are getting a lot shorter. Stay stylish and look out for gloves that are adorned with belts, bows and different coloured stitching. The shortest of the gloves are the driving gloves by Club Monaco — by far my favourite. Wear them with a long-sleeve jacket so that your arms don't get too cold.

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Sir Elton penning Stiller musical

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Entertainment

Jackson's jobs

Samuel L. Jackson kickstarted his career in Hollywood with his "weirdest job" to date — he first worked as a stand-in for Bill Cosby on his hit 1980s TV series. **IMDB.COM**

Undressing art in the dark

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Jeff Gray knows that everybody isn't comfortable walking into an art gallery. Understanding the work, and even wondering how to act or dress can be barriers for some people.

But Gray is hoping Saturday's first Nocturne: Art At Night festival in Halifax will help strip away some of the concerns people have and introduce them to art galleries in a casual setting in the hopes that they become hooked.

"If it strips any of your misconceived notions, it's easier to try it out," said Gray, the manager of development for the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia. "And I would argue people should try (Nocturne) out. In fact, it's fine if you don't like it. That's part of the point."

"Experimenting with the experience is the most important aspect of this."

Twenty-eight galleries in Halifax and Dartmouth are taking part in this free event, which will run between 6 p.m. and midnight on Saturday. The event also



Jeff Gray of the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia believes Nocturne: Art At Night is a first-time event worth experiencing.

includes over two dozen public art installations and performances throughout the city.

"I feel like Nocturne's been a success already,"

Gray said. "Galleries coming on board with this collaborative idea is proof it's already been successful. And the fact people have been interested in it and

If you go

- To help get people around to the galleries at Nocturne, free walking tours will be departing from Grand Parade in Halifax every two hours starting at 6 p.m.
- People can also take a free trip on one of two Metro Transit buses that will travel around to the galleries throughout the event.

galleries have been doing special specific projects shows an interest in doing an event like this."

The AGNS is the largest gallery east of Quebec City and will have a number of current and new exhibitions open for Nocturne, including two works that

will be projected on large screens in the gallery's Ondaatje Court. The AGNS is the only gallery in the city that charges an entrance fee, but that is being waived for this event.

"For me, it will be successful if people who have never been to the gallery come and try it out because there are interested in seeing something new," said Gray, when asked how many people he'd like to see out at the AGNS. "I don't really have a sense of volume. To put a number on it is always risky ... I'm hopeful we're into the 500 range for people checking out the gallery."

For complete details on Nocturne, including a list of the participating galleries, visit nocturnehalifax.ca.

Lanois to speak about his career at the Marquee

MUSIC Canadian singer-songwriter and producer Daniel Lanois will be appearing in conversation for an hour with CBC TV's Bob Mersereau at the Marquee Club on Saturday at 5 p.m.

The free interview will discuss Lanois's career in recording and production, including his new DVD documentary *Here is What is*. Lanois will take some questions from the audience at the end of his discussion. Lanois is in Halifax to perform at the Marquee Club on Saturday at 9 p.m. Tickets are still available and cost \$35.

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Daniel Lanois

Entertainment in brief

CHILDREN Tickets are still available for Thomas and Friends Live! On Stage in Thomas Saves the Day at the Halifax Metro Centre on Saturday at 1 p.m. Tickets cost \$32.50 and \$24.50. They are available by calling 451-1221 or visiting ticketatlantic.com.

CONCERT The Sanctuary Trio will be playing at 1313 Hollis tonight at 7:30 p.m. The Halifax band bases much of its music on Gregorian chant. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, seniors and JazzEast members. They are available at the door. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Martin to battle Baldwin
Funnyman Steve Martin, left, will do battle with actor Alec Baldwin for the affections of Meryl Streep in an upcoming movie. The film is scheduled to begin shooting next February. [IMDb.COM](http://IMDb.com)

●●●●● A CLASSIC; ●●●● EXCELLENT; ●●● GOOD; ●● FAIR; ● POOR

Lucinda Williams

Album: Little Honey
Label: Lost Highway/Universal
Rating: ●●●●

ROOTS QUEEN

LUCINDA Williams straps on her rock 'n' roll boots for a peek backstage at the uglier side of stardom. With the wheel-in-the-rut expertise of band Buick Six backing her, Lucinda finds love standing behind an electric guitar in Real Love, visits Pete Doherty in rehab clinic in Little Rock Star, drives sexual innuendo to new heights in Honey Bee and ties it all together with her covering finale of AC/DC's It's A Long Way To The Top. It would have been nice to see Lucinda carry the theme throughout the entire 13 songs.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Keane

Album: Perfect Symmetry
Label: Interscope/Universal
Rating: ●●●●

DARK THEMES

AND slightly off-kilter wit keep this trio from turning into a Britpop version of Maroon 5. Even fans will see through the '80s synth dance beats and get into analyzing the ironic narcissism of opener Spiralling. There's a handful of cuts carefully prepared for radio play, but much of the rest drops off into synthetic banality. If we must have an '80s revival, why not draw from the good stuff?

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Return of an anti-hero

Mark Wahlberg plays renegade cop in Max Payne

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

As Mark Wahlberg discovered filming his latest thriller in the middle of a cold Canadian winter, when people call Toronto "Hollywood North," they aren't talking about the weather.

"It wasn't that fun to make," admitted Wahlberg during an interview to promote Toronto-shot Max Payne in sunny Los Angeles. "It was pretty brutal but these are the kinds of movies that I want to go and see and I think people enjoy seeing me in them."

That's just the kind of dedication that earned the 37-year-old actor an Oscar nomination for his rock-solid performance in The Departed and top-billing in Max Payne — in theatres tomorrow — a stylistic thriller about a vengeful maverick cop.

After playing a science teacher in this summer's The Happening, Wahlberg



Mark Wahlberg stars in Max Payne, which opens tomorrow.

is the first to admit he's glad to be back playing the anti-hero; a character that fits him well.

"I got a lot of real life experience," explains Wahlberg about relating to such characters through his Boston upbringing. "I come from the streets and I've

seen a lot of dark things. That's my training; I bring that to life and people feel like it's fairly authentic."

"I try to always find something that I can identify with or connect with, with every character that I play. I think that's the only time I can really be 100 per

cent believable in (these types of) characters."

In Max Payne, Wahlberg plays the renegade cop who discovers a dark underworld that uncovers shocking secrets about the death of his wife and child. While many fans will recognize the thriller is based on an extremely successful videogame, it certainly didn't register with Wahlberg.

"I read it before I knew it was a videogame," says Wahlberg. "The last game I was addicted to — Sega hockey — that was like, the favorite part of it was when (Bob) Probert and Tie Domi would throw down the gloves and start punching each other out and somebody would fall down and blood would come out of their head."

"My whole thing is, if I like the character and I think I can be great in it and people enjoy it and I like the screenplay and we can put a great team together, then I want to make the movie and it really doesn't go further than that."

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Spears in talks to turn book into film

Pop star Britney Spears' mother is to make her memoir into a movie. Lynne Spears is reportedly in talks with Hollywood studios who are said to be eager to win the rights to her book *Through the Storm*. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK



Above: Funnyman Jimmy Flynn (centre, without his Sou'wester) surrounded by firefighters, from the left: Joe Triff, Sherry Dean, Justin Dowling and Jeff Clarke at the Miles of Smiles Auction for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Right: Volunteers Courtney Church, left, Laura Arnburg and Kate Mosher help make the Miles of Smiles Auction a success.



Left: Ted and Jill Hyland at the Delta Hotel for Feed Nova Scotia's Chair-a-Tea dinner and auction.

Right: Feed Nova Scotia's Dianne Swinemar shares a chair with Canada Trust's Monique Bateman following a very successful Chair-a-Tea fundraiser.



Right: Campaigning for Stéphane Dion, Tragically Hip guitarist Rob Baker meets up with MIR's Adam Dowling, left, and Asif Ilyas, right.



Beauty queens and politicians

HalifaxScene

Jamie Paterson

Halifax has a bad case of "electile dysfunction," and it's not over just because the

federal election is. Our would-be municipal leaders have one last full day on the hustings.

Last Thursday was a chance for the candidates to blow off some steam and network with members of Fusion Halifax.

Started just a year ago, the group aims to give professionals aged 20 to 40 a chance to help shape the future of the city and help other young people realize there are opportunities at home.

The group invited candidates in Saturday's election to speak in an informal social setting at Pier 21. About 30 candidates took Fusion up on the invitation, as did all three candidates for mayor. Some folks had a better time than others.

I ran across one incumbent, who shall remain nameless, across the hall at Pier 21 with a glass of wine

in hand. He spent the better part of half an hour schmoozing with a table of folks he thought were potential voters. Once he figured out the table number didn't correspond to his district number, he was off to refill his glass and find the right party.

Too bad he didn't stay, he missed out on some great entertainment. The room he was mistakenly in was hosting the Miles of Smiles Auction for Muscular Dystrophy.

This was the first time MD Canada organized such an event, and they did a great job of lining up talent. Comic Jimmy Flynn brought his full cast of characters and songs.

The Halifax Firefighters Combat Team helped with the live auction and showed off its national trophy for a number of first-place finishes. Firefighter Joe Triff was also sporting a huge ring of Superbowl proportions for his two individual records.

The night was capped off with a dessert buffet. After a quick slice of cheesecake (or two), I was on my way.

The next stop was the Delta Halifax for the 8th annual Chair-a-Tea for Feed Nova Scotia. This \$150-a-plate dinner included an auction that raised over

\$13,500.

It couldn't have come at a better time. Feed Nova Scotia is feeling the pinch of back to school, combined with Thanksgiving and an uncertain economy. It all adds up to fewer donations and empty shelves.

Right now, farmers are doing their part through the Drive Hunger Away tour through rural parts of the province. It wraps up today at the Maritime Fall Fair, so if you're heading out to Exhibition Park, bring a donation.

Sunday saw Miss Nova Scotia World 2009 crowned at the Lord Nelson Hotel. The Regency Room was the classiest place in town for this black-tie event that hopes to re-invent the "beauty pageant" as most of us remember it.

Although there were swimsuit and gown competitions, the focus was on beauty with a purpose. Contestants were also judged on their community involvement, public-speaking skills and future plans. Congratulations to Megan Edwards who took the crown, and runners-up Olivia Polkowski and Samantha Cavanagh-Gill.

When he's not making the Scene, Jamie Paterson hosts The Drive and The Beatlebrunch on KOOL FM in Halifax



Above: Fernando Velasco and Marie Vieira at Pier 21 for the Miles of Smiles Auction.



Above: Last year's Miss Nova Scotia World, Carolina Quintana, with pageant executive director Natasha Bodorik at the Lord Nelson Hotel.



Above: Miss Nova Scotia World contestant Kerry Warner with brother Luke Warner at the Lord Nelson Hotel.

Political play-by-play.

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Showtime has picked up the pilot *The End of Steve*, which stars Matthew Perry as an unhappy TV talk-show host whose egomaniacal streak is tested when he's stuck working on a daytime show out of Rochester, N.Y. **TVGUIDE.COM**

Perry comes back

Mad Men's model of manhood

IntelVision



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MAD ABOUT THE MAN: One of the creepiest bits of journalism I've ever read was Maureen Dowd's infamous New York Times column about how her Boomer mommy girlfriends were big Enninem fans. "They play him on their Walkman at the gym," wrote Dowd. (The "Walkman" reference is just so 2002 — it seems to long ago now.) "They sing along lustily to Cleanin' Out My Closet and Lose Yourself in the car. They rhapsodize that his amazing vignettes of dysfunctional families make him the Raymond Carver of hip-hop."

The second creepiest thing I've read was published this week — a feature in the New York Observer about how Jon Hamm's Don Draper, the mysterious, philandering,

emotionally withholding ad executive at the heart of AMC's *Mad Men*, is the fantasy male of the year for a certain crowd of working mummies in upscale neighbourhoods like Park Slope in Brooklyn.

Hamm's Draper might be a total bastard, and the principal cause of his wife Betty's slow-motion breakdown, but according to the women writer Irina Aleksander talked to, he's an attractive reminder of "a time before suits were replaced by messenger bags and Converse sneakers. Before hairless chests and Cialis; before men knew pop-psychology phrases like 'displaced anger' and 'defence mechanisms' and talked about how their parents f-ked them up; before Dr. Phil; before dads posted photos of themselves with their babies on their Facebook pages; before paternity leaves..."

"If you just compare him, to say, Patrick Dempsey on *Grey's Anatomy*, Dr. McDreamy comes off as a whiny little sensitive bitch," said Lindsay Robertson, a



Jon Hamm stars in AMC's *Mad Men*.

31-year-old website editor and resident of Carroll Gardens, another gentrified Brooklyn address.

If you read a bit further, it's obvious the piece isn't

about Hamm's Draper as much as it's about the men married to his fans — the caring, involved, equitable and apparently quite unambitious husbands and fa-

thers largely grouped under the pungent acronym SAHDs, or "stay at home dads." They can be found all over genteel Brooklyn "roughhousing with their toddlers at the playground, hoisting strollers up brownstone steps or putting together a nice little risotto for dinner," and claim that they're free of "those issues of masculinity," but I'm not so sure.

One wife says that when she gets home she wants peace and quiet after talking to people all day, while her husband has been home alone, dying for some conversation; another says her eyes glaze over when her husband talks to another SAHD about their kids' preschool. They might be free of "issues of masculinity," but their wives sound like they've got a few of their own, and that once again, Freud's resonating query "What does a woman want?" turns out to have been largely rhetorical.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

First-time author wins Booker prize

LITERATURE Debut Indian novelist Aravind Adiga won the Man Booker Prize this week, one of the world's most prestigious literary awards, with *The White Tiger*.

It was only the third time in the Booker's 40-year history that a first-time writer had claimed the award, and, at 33, Adiga was also one of its youngest winners.

He received a cheque for 50,000 pounds (\$88,000) at a gala dinner in London and can expect not only overnight literary fame but also a sharp rise in book sales in the run-up to Christmas.

Booker organizers say last year's winner, Anne Enright, has sold around 500,000 copies of *The Gathering*, largely due to the prize. *The White Tiger* is published by Atlantic Books.

The White Tiger follows Balram Halwai, the son of a rickshaw puller whose dream of escaping the poverty of his village takes him on a journey to the bright lights of Delhi and Bangalore, where he will do almost anything to get to the top.

Keys leading music awards

MUSIC R&B singer Alicia Keys picked up five nominations for the American Music Awards, while rock bands Coldplay and the Eagles scored four each, organizers said on Tuesday.

All three will compete for artist of the year, alongside rapper Lil Wayne and R&B star Chris Brown, who have three nominations each.

Amy Adams to star in Leap Year

FILM Amy Adams is in negotiations to star in *Leap Year*, a romantic comedy scheduled for an early 2009 start. Adams will play an uptight woman who travels to Dublin to propose to her boyfriend on Leap Year, a tradition in which women propose to their men and the man has to say yes.

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The Office
There's a bun in the oven, so get your potholders; this one's gonna be hot. Michael (Steve Carell) practices for the birth of Jan's (Melora Hardin) baby by having Dwight (Rainn Wilson) go over possible birthing scenarios. 10 PM on CHIF



Life on Mars
Is this vintage Sam Tyler real or not? His unbelieving ears clearly hear a radio station announcing that Elvis will perform a concert in memory of his mother, but he's still not sure how or why he landed in these circumstances. Regardless, a string of fatal robberies at AAA Money check cashing stores are baffling the 1-2-5 and Sam jumps head-on into the case, in which there are no witnesses or signs of forced entry. 8 PM on CHIF

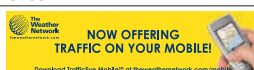
Jacked: Auto Theft Task Force
Crooks are sometimes so amazingly stupid it makes you wonder how they make it through the night. In this new episode, "I Just Wanted My Burger," the task force is in Newark, N.J., where a successful block captures a stolen vehicle at a drive-through window, of all places. The team also recovers a stolen tractor-trailer and gets a real cardio workout when a perp takes off on foot. 11 PM on A&E



Alicia Keys

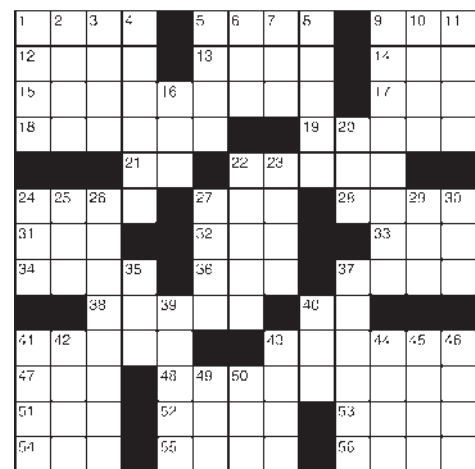


Amy Adams



TWN incorporates MSC data

Take Five



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| 21 Mother | 51 Lamb's dam |
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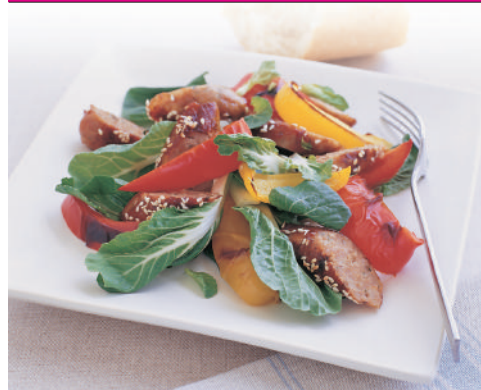
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Recipe of the day



Sesame sausages with peppers and bok choy

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 large red peppers, halved lengthways and deseeded
- 2 large yellow peppers, halved lengthways and deseeded
- 6 thick pork sausages, about 400g
- 2 tbsp tomato ketchup
- 2 tbsp hoisin sauce
- 3 heads bok choy, separated into leaves
- 3 tbsp sesame seeds

METHOD:

- Put the peppers and sausages on the rack of a pre-heated (to medium heat) sauté pan or frying pan and sauté for 15-20 minutes, turning from time to time until sausages are evenly browned and cooked through and peppers are tender and lightly charred.
- Meanwhile, mix tomato ketchup and hoisin sauce in a shallow bowl. Tear bok choy into bite-sized pieces and put into a serving dish.
- Transfer the sausages to

the ketchup mixture and roll to coat evenly. Cover grill pan rack with foil. Place sausages back on foil and grill for a further 1 minute or until glaze is bubbling. Turn sausages and sprinkle with the sesame seeds, then cook for another 1 minute until the seeds are golden.

4. Cut the peppers into wide strips and thickly slice sausages on the diagonal. Add pepper strips and sausage slices to the bok choy, toss together and serve warm.

PER SERVING:

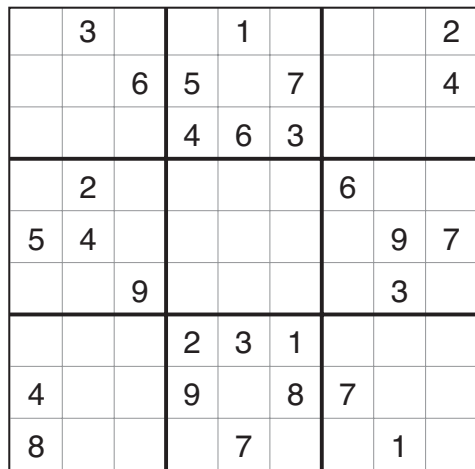
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SERVES 4



Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



Horoscopes

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A shy person talks about love and flirtation. Persist until you get what you came for. Your daring ways will inspire opportunity to knock.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23
A disagreement is turned into a platform for dialogue. An arrogant person grants some wishes. A forgetful scoundrel seems to be foolhardy.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21
Keep your nose to the grindstone. Powerful people will affect you in public. An outwardly helpless person begs for attention.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22
A secret enemy refuses to go away. A man becomes friendly after dark. Common sense comes in handy during a confrontation.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21
A woman will tell you about a strange problem. A foolish idea will be lucrative. There's a farce going on around you.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21
A bad character is noticed by those who matter. Rearranging things will give you grief. A light-hearted woman will get your attention.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22
A fitting lesson will be taught. Somebody's chronic indecision forces you to wait. A critical comment has a blunt impact.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20
An invitation will cast a pall over the day. A gloomy stranger makes weird noises. Don't take chances when giving advice.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23
Don't give in to slothfulness. A friend thinks that you're too sympathetic. An emotional problem can provoke a quarrel.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18
Your confidence will get boosted. An independent friend is a good example. An idiotic staff member will make things difficult.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22
A fast friend will show how to make dreams come true. Know yourself before judging others. Officials will make a bad decision.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20
A middle-aged man has a change of heart. Doing the right thing brings a new connection into your life. Being clear-headed causes a delay.

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WORDY GURDY

1. Ro-Tem-bur with a TV program (1)

2. Singer Dylan's high tennis shots (1)

3. Indian capital residence (1)

4. Breeze-filled milk farm (2)

5. Circus worker's middle-down stiles (1)

6. Point out a teacher's retirement pay (2)

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This day in history

OCT. 16, 1841: Queen's University is founded in Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

OCT. 16, 1923: The Walt Disney Company is founded by Walt Disney and his brother, Roy Disney.

OCT. 16, 1962: Cuban Missile Crisis between the United States and Cuba begins.

OCT. 16, 1964: People's Republic of China detonates its first nuclear weapon; Soviet leaders Leonid Brezhnev and Aleksey Kosygin are inaugurated as General Secretary of the CPSU and Premier, respectively.

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The cause of Janet Jackson's mystery illness has been revealed. The 42-year-old was suffering from vestibular migraines, her rep said in a statement. **PEOPLE.COM**

Jackson illness revealed

Celebrity Buzz

Bye bye, Madge & Guy

RELATIONSHIPS Pop star Madonna and her director husband Guy Ritchie are ending their almost-eight-year marriage, a rep for the singer confirmed yesterday.

"Madonna and Guy Ritchie have agreed to divorce after 7½ years of marriage. They have both requested that the media maintain respect for their family at this difficult time," read the statement by Liz Rosenberg.

The statement, which was co-signed by Ritchie's representative, also said that the couple had not agreed to a settlement.

"The judgment of the court would be to try to assess what they came in with and divide what they

built up fairly equally," said David Allison, a lawyer with Family Law in Partnership, a London firm, told The Associated Press. In a front-page story yesterday,

Britain's The Sun newspaper claimed the couple will be issuing a statement "imminently" on the demise of their relationship, which has been the subject of much speculation in recent months.

Contacted by People, a rep for Madonna declined to comment on the story.

Madonna, 50, is in the midst of her Sticky and Sweet tour and is set to play Boston tonight. Ritchie, 40, was believed to be on the set of his latest film, Sherlock Holmes.

Reached at their home in London, his family declined to comment.

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GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Hudgens got to meet Cruise!

CELEBRITY Through her friendship with former Spice Girl Victoria Beckham, Vanessa Hudgens got to meet actor Tom Cruise, who gave the High School Musical star some good advice, intouch-weekly.com reports.

"Tom was so sweet — and

such a nice guy," Vanessa told Access Hollywood.

"Just telling me there isn't much that you can do (about always being in the lime-light).

"It's just part of your life

now, so you have to accept it.

"He is an amazing guy and I look up to him."

Hudgens also got to meet Cruise's wife, actress Katie Holmes.

"I got to talk to them, they are all really great people," Hudgens said in an interview.

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celebrity brief

No work for Nicole

SURGERY Actress Nicole Kidman has panned rumours that she's had cosmetic procedures, MSN Entertainment reports.

"I am completely natural," Kidman told Marie Claire UK. "I have nothing in my face or anything. I wear sunscreen. I don't smoke and I take care of myself."

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Christina all for adding to the Aguilera family

FAMILY Her first child, son Max, is just nine months old, but Christina Aguilera is already thinking about baby No. 2, People.com reports.

"Absolutely, we'll definitely have more kids," she says. How many? "I don't know. We'll play it by ear."

For now, the singer, 27, is enjoying her time with Max.

"I'm in love with my life," she says, although parting with her son to perform can be a drag. "But Mama has to work, Mama has to do a job."

She adds, "I think it's impor-

tant to share what I love — what makes me me —

with my son. So, I change diapers and I breastfeed him and I play with him and then I work. I want to show Max everything about me."

Aguilera, who married music exec Jordan Bratman in 2005, says Max inspired her upcoming album.

"It's all about colour and life. Everything's a playground for him. Everything is color and fun."

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Reese still digs Jake

RELATIONSHIPS It's good to be with actor Jake Gyllenhaal, says actress Reese Witherspoon, People.com reports.

"He's very supportive," the Oscar winner, 32, tells Vogue in its November issue. "Suffice it to say, I'm very happy in life, and I'm very lucky to have a lot of really supportive people around me who care very much for me, and, you know, that's all you can hope for in life. I am very blessed in that way."

Gyllenhaal, 27, isn't the only man she's been spending time with. While on the set of her upcoming comedy Four Christmases, Witherspoon couldn't resist co-star Vince Vaughn's sense of humour.

"Vince is the funniest person I've ever worked with in my entire life," says Witherspoon, who posed for Vogue's cover.

"There were days when we were shooting things, I would laugh so hard it would ruin the take, and I was afraid I was going to pee on myself, it was so funny."

Witherspoon's divorce from Ryan Phillippe was finalized in June.

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McGraw disowns hits package

Singer Tim McGraw has apologized to fans for his latest greatest hits album, saying his label should have instead released a record with new music. **PEOPLE.COM**

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Celebrity Buzz

HELLO! **Hot shot of the week**



PETER BRÉCQ/HELLO! CANADA

eTalk correspondent Sophie Grégoire-Trudeau, wife of newly minted Liberal MP Justin Trudeau, has joined Dove's Pay Beauty Forward campaign aimed at improving self-esteem among girls and women. "We live in a culture of comparison," the 33-year-old mom, who's expecting baby No. 2 this winter, told HELLO! Canada in an exclusive interview.

HELLO! CANADA magazine, now available on newsstands — read more at hellomagazine.ca

Bachelorette couple to add another child

FAMILY NEWS The Bachelorette's Ryan and Trista Sutter have announced that they are expecting their second child, People.com reports.

Trista, who is just over three months along, tells Life & Style that she and Ryan were shocked to learn — just a few weeks after son Maxwell (Max) Alston's birthday in late July — that they will be welcoming a new member of the family come spring.

"It was a positive shock, one of the best kinds you can have in your life," Trista said.

Despite previous claims that she would like a little girl, Trista now says she just wants "a really happy and healthy baby."

She adds that: "I know that sounds cliché, but it's the God's honest truth."

Even though part of her still wants a daughter, she would love to have another son because "Ryan has a brother, and they're about the same age difference as Max will be with his new sibling."

"So it would be fun to have two boys, too."

Trista, 35, and Ryan, 34, were married on Dec. 6, 2003, in a televised ceremony awash in the colour pink.

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Craig as Bond a 'long-term' deal



MOVIES Daniel Craig will play James Bond until his "knees go," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actor, who reprises his role as the spy in the new movie Quantum of Solace, insists he has no intention of giving up the

part in the near future.

"Bond is becoming a long-term job," he says. "We will see how this one turns out."

"If everything goes well, if people still want to see these movies, I will keep doing them for as long as it takes — or until my knees go, whichever happens quicker."

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Halle's man smells success

PERFUME Halle Berry's model boyfriend Gabriel Aubry has given the actress's signature perfume the seal of approval, imdb.com reports. Berry has been testing scent combinations for the last two years for her first fragrance, and she's finally

found one she's happy with. Berry settled on the smell of Halle by Halle Berry after Aubry praised the scent.

"I want women to feel that ... that special person thinks they smell beautiful, thinks ... they can ingest it all day, every day. That's what Gabriel said."

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celebrity brief

Hewitt: Focus on dance, not weight

TV Actress Jennifer Love Hewitt has leaped to the defence of dancer Cheryl Burke after the U.S. media poked fun at her weight gain, imdb.com reports.

The Dancing With the Stars regular added five pounds to her frame over the summer, prompting gossips to speculate she may be pregnant.

But when she confessed she was a little heavier, the same journalists who poked fun at Hewitt when she was snapped in a swimsuit turned on Burke.

"I think her dancing is what everyone needs to be concentrating on," Hewitt says.

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